TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION AUGUST 8, 2002

The Tippecanoe County Council held its working session on Thursday, August 8, 2002 at 2:00 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: President David S. Byers, , Jeffrey Kessler, Margaret K. Bell, Jeffrey A. Kemper, Kathy Vernon, and Ronald L. Fruitt; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney Douglas J. Masson, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Vice President Connie Basham was absent.)

President Byers called the session to order and announced the tentative amount to be cut for 2003 is approximately \$6 million.

Councilmember Kemper: Suggested delaying the opening of the new jail pod until 2004 to save money.

President Byers: Proposed closing Cary Home. The annual operating cost is approximately \$1 million but the annual revenue is only \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Auditor Plantenga:

- * COIT amount is reduced 15%.
- * Anticipates County's COIT revenue will be \$1.5 million less than 2002.
- * County's interest is down \$.5 million.
- * Elimination of some fees by statute have contributed to lower revenue.
- * Gaming money cannot be used at the County's discretion: 20% is set for police and fire pensions. Wastewater, currently funded by EDIT, can probably be funded with it.

Tuesday, August 13, 2002 Agenda items were discussed. Cuts of certain requests were discussed.

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

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